(b) Table below gives all-India production of various pulses during 1984-85 and 1985-86:—

(Lakh Tonnes)

Pulse Crop	Production 1984-85	1985-86
Tur (Arhar)	25·8	24·3
Gram	45·6	56·8
Urad	11·6	12·4
Moong	10·5	10·5
Multhi	6·3	5·8
Moth	2·7	1.0
Peas & Beans	3·3	4·2
Masur	5.5	6.5
Lakh	5·0	5.4
Others	3 3	2.7
Total Pulses	119·6	129.6

Similar break-up for the crop year 1986-87 is yet to be received from all the States.

(c) Although there have been yearly fluctuations in production of pulses in the country, the all-India production has not shown a declining growth rate.

(d) and (e) To increase the indigenous production of pulses, the following strategy is being adopted during the Seventh Plan:—

1. Introduction of pulses crops in irrigated farming system such as double and multiple cropping;

2. Bringing additional area under:—

(a) short duration varieties of urad, moong etc., in rice fallows by utilising the residual moisture in rabi season;

(b) in summer season with irrigation after oilseeds, sugar-cane, potato and wheat; and

(c) in rabi under lentil.

3. Inter-cropping of arhar in soyabean, bajra, cotton, sugar-cane and groundnut both under irrigated and unirrigated conditions;

4. Multiplication and use of improved pulses seeds; adoption of plant protection measures; use of phosphatic fertilisers and rhizobium culture; and

5. Improved post-harvesting technology; public policies including pricing and marketing of pulses. In order to further increase the production of pulses, the Government of India have started a Centrally Sponsored National Pulses Development Project from 1986-87. The amount sanctioned during 1986-87 for N.P.D.P. is *Rs. 600.16 lakhs* (Central share). During 1987-88 under N.P.D.P. an amount of Rs. 368.59 lakhs (Central share) has been sanctioned for field programmes.

Sale of inferior quality of foodgrains through ration shops

838. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that inferior quality of foodgrain is being sold from fair Price Shops in Delhi;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether any inquiry has been conducted into the matter; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to ensure sale of only superior quality of foodgrains through ration shops in the capital and other parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) Food Corporation of India issues foodgrains for distribution under the Public Distribution System to all States/UTs including Delhi strictly in accordance with the specifications prescribed by the Government of India. All facilities are provided for inspection of these stocks before issue. Adequate arrangements have also been made for replacement of sub-standard stocks, if any.

High Rise Buildings in the Capital

839. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what are the names and number of the high rise Buildings in the capital;

(b) whether a number of high rise buildings are being constructed exceeding 15 metres in height under the National Building Code;

(c) if so, what are their names;

(d) whether it is a fact that these buildings are completely unsafe as far as fire fighting are concerned; and

(e) if so, what is the action Government propose to take in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (e) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Damage of Rabi Crop

840. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the crop of Rabi has been damaged due to the heavy rains in May, 1987 in various parts of the Northern India;

(b) if so, the estimated loss of crop as a result of it in each of the States; and

(c) whether any relief has been given to the farmers of the affected States by the Central Government and if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENRA MAKWANA): (a) Reports of damages due to rains and hailstorm which occurred in the month of May, 1987 were received from the States of Punjab, Haryana, Jammu & Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

(b) A statement showing the extent of loss to agriculture crops as reported by the State Governments is given below.

(c) Relief to affected farmers is extended by the respective State Governments and the Central Government extends need based assistance to the State Governments at the latter's request. Memoranda seeking Central assistance have been received only from the States of Himachal Pradesh and Jammu & Kashmir. Based on the report of Central Team and the recommendations of High Level Committee on Relief thereon, a ceiling of expenditure of Rs. 9.36 crores has been approved including an amount of Rs. 2.07 crores as agricultural inputs subsidy for the affected farmers in the State of Himachal Pradesh. A Central Team has just concluded its visit to the State of Jammu & Kashmir to assess the situation. The quantum of Central assistance to the State will be